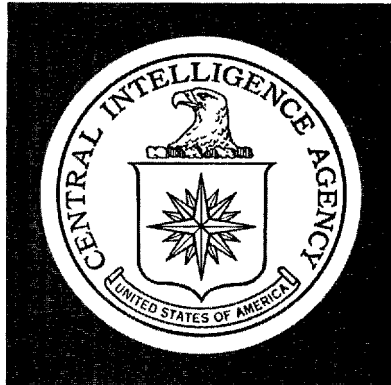


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HIGHLIGHTS

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I. The Military Situation in South Vietnam:
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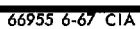
suggest that the enemy may be positioning rockets on Cambodian territory west of Pleiku Province (Para. 4).

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IV. Other Communist Military Developments:
There is nothing of significance to report.

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I. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. The pace of the ground war in South Vietnam quickened considerably yesterday, with heavy fighting reported in the northern and central coastal provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Tin, and Phu Yen.

2. Elements of the 5th and 7th US Marine regiments engaged company-size or larger Viet Cong/NVA forces in pitched battles 17 miles southwest and 29 miles south-southeast of Da Nang on 15 June. Seventy-two Communist troops were killed in contrast to Marine casualties of 13 killed and 23 wounded. The actions occurred during the conduct of operations ARIZONA and ADAIR, which are designed to secure supply lines between the Marine base at Da Nang and Tam Ky, the provincial capital of Quang Tin.

3. In Phu Yen Province, meanwhile, a Communist force estimated at battalion-size suffered losses of 48 killed during an abortive two-hour assault against elements of an ARVN regiment five miles southwest of the provincial capital of Tuy Hoa. The ARVN force, which was supported throughout the engagement by US tactical and AC-47 aircraft, sustained losses of ten killed and ten wounded. The attacking force may have been subordinate to the 95th NVA Regiment which has become increasingly aggressive in the Tuy Hoa area in recent weeks.

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[REDACTED] indicates that some 27 possible rocket-launcher positions may be under construction in Cambodian territory immediately west of South Vietnam's Pleiku

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